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I support the current settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. The settlement provides a fair and reasonable outcome of the case. The settlement will deliver what the DOJ intended to receive without limiting the competition in the market. One has to keep in mind that the ruling will not only effect the way Microsoft can and will do business, but also how the competition and new industries will have to conduct themselves. In my opinion, it's the consumer who is still able to make a decision and they will chose the best and least expensive solution. Other companies are free to develop and market better solutions and the market will take care of this. Any limitation of one company alone will not be just. It will have to be a solution which is valid for all and will also be relevant for the future, no matter which company or product will have the highest market share.

Regards
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